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THE HOLLYDAY ARMS

Arms—Sable, three helmets, arg.; garnished or; within a border engrailed of the second.

Crest—A demi-lion rampant gardant or, supporting an anchor proper.

Motto—"Nulli Virtute Secundus."

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THIE Hollyday family of Middlesex County, England, and Talbot and Prince George's County, Maryland, are descended from Walter Hollyday, the Master of the Revels to Edward IV; and later from Sir Leonard Hollyday, Lord Mayor of London, 1605, to whom was granted the coat of arms described.

Thomas Hollyday, the lineal descendant of Sir Leonard Hollyday, Lord Mayor of London, came to Maryland when a lad of seventeen or eighteen years of age, in the year 1679, and took up lands on the western shore, where he filled the office of Chief Justice of Calvert County in the year 1695.

He was colonel in the Colonial wars and a man of valiant services in the province. He died at his home in Prince George's County in the year 1703, and his tombstone is inscribed with the coat of arms here shown, giving the date of the granting of the same to his ancestor "as recorded in the College of Arms at London." This custom of

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cutting the family arms on the tombs of the early settlers of Maryland is helping largely to establish their English origin. Colonel Thomas Hollyday, who married Mary Truman, of Calvert County, named their first son for her father, and his second received his ancestral name of Leonard Hollyday. James Hollyday removed to Talbot County in the year 1720, where he became a judge of the County Court from 1726 to 1728, and later removed to Queen Anne's County and purchased a beautiful tract of land on the Chester River, which he named Readbourne, in the year 1729.

He had lived in Talbot County but one year when he married Sarah Covington Lloyd, the beautiful young widow of Colonel Edward Lloyd, of Wye House. It is said that when James Hollyday took his wife to Readbourne they enjoyed love in a cottage, occupying a little house on the estate called the Box, while the charming mistress, with the assistance of Lord Baltimore, a personal friend, planned the stately Readbourne mansion, which she made famous for the lavish hospitality which has ever since distinguished it. Readbourne has descended in the Hollyday family to the present day, and is a monument to the taste of its lovely mistress.

James Hollyday was the trusted treasurer of the Eastern Shore and the collector of his lordship's

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quit rents on that side of the Chesapeake Bay. He was also a member of Lord Baltimore's council and naval officer at the port of Oxford.

From this couple descend the oldest branch of the Hollyday family now in Maryland.

Colonel Leonard Hollyday, the second son of Colonel Thomas Hollyday, was called of "Brookfield," his estate of this name being located in Prince George's County. He married, first, Sarah Smith, and secondly Mrs. Eleanore Waring, the daughter of Mr. Clement Hill and Eleanor Darrell, whose father was a kinsman of Lord Baltimore. Their descendants intermarried with the Chews, Bealls, Somervells and other prominent Maryland families.

After the death of her second husband, Mrs. Hollyday, in the year 1754, went to England to live with her daughter, Mrs. Rebecca Anderson, and died the following year. Her tomb at Westham, County Essex, England, bears the following inscription: "Beneath this stone lieth the body of Mrs. Sarah Lloyd, late of the province of Maryland, in America, from whence she came to London in the year 1754 and died the 9th day of April, 1755, aged 71 years. She had been the wife of Edward Lloyd, formerly of the aforesaid province, Esquire, and after his death, of James Hollyday, Esquire, late of same place, whom she also survived. Though a

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stranger here, she was known, esteemed, and respected in her native land."

A portrait of this colonial belle is said to be in the possession of one of her great-great-nieces.

Henry Hollyday, the son of his Lordship's Councillor, married the daughter of George Robbins and his wife, Henrietta Maria Tilghman, of the Hermitage.

It was he who bought Ratcliff Manor and built the mansion house, which is also one of the famous houses of the Eastern Shore. James Hollyday 2d, the elder brother of Henry, of Ratcliff Manor, inherited Readbourne, but died unmarried. Like his father, this James Hollyday was a member of the Provincial Council, and is said to have been a lawyer of marked ability and more prominently identified with the high courts of justice than any of his contemporaries.

Because of his superior ability he was chosen chairman of the committee of delegates to the Continental Congress at Philadelphia, and drafted the instructions to that memorable body which issued the Declaration of Independence.

After a long and brilliant career, James Hollyday died at Readbourne, leaving his beautiful estate to his nephew and namesake, James Hollyday, son of his brother Henry of Ratcliff Manor. James Hollyday the 3d married Susan Steuart Tilghman, a descendant of Dr. Richard Tilghman, of the

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Hermitage, and a lineal descendant of the Royal House of Steuart.

Henry Hollyday, the son of Henry and Anna Maria Robins Hollyday, married Ann Carmichael, daughter of Richard Bennett Carmichael, of Bennett's Choice, Queen Anne's County, and his wife Katharine Murray. He lived and died at his home, Ratcliff Manor. Rebecca, his eldest daughter, married Dr. Nicholas Hammond and lived at St. Aubins, near Easton. This interesting estate is now owned by Mr. Henry Hollyday, Jr., Judge of Talbot County Court, Maryland, and his sisters, Miss Frances H. Hollyday and Miss Susan Hollyday. Allied to this branch of the family are the Chamberlaines of Bonfield, the Yales of Brookland, Cecil County, and indeed there is hardly an old Maryland family of importance to which the Hollydays are not close kin. Among the many descendants of Colonel Thomas Hollyday, of Readbourne, are Dr. Guy Hollyday, Baltimore; Mr. George T. Hollyday, of Baltimore; Mr. Henry Hollyday, of Easton; Mrs. Mary Tilghman Stewart, wife of Mr. James Heigh Stewart, of Baltimore; Mr. Alfred Hollyday, Mrs. Clarence Hollyday, Mrs. Anna Maria Hollyday, Mrs. S. Gertrude Chew, Admiral Richard C. Hollyday, U. S. N.; Miss Caroline R. Hollyday, Mr. George T. Hollyday, Miss Dorothy L. Hollyday, Mrs. L. C. Holly-

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day, Keyworth; H. M. Hollyday, Mr. J. Steuart Hollyday, Miss Ethelyn Steuart Hollyday, Mr. Hughlett Hollyday, Jr., Miss Minnie Frances Hollyday, Miss Virginia Ambler Hollyday, Mr. Guy Tilghman, Orine Hollyday, Mrs. Percy Semple, Lousiville, Ky.; Mrs. Caroline Harper, Mr. Richard Bennett Carmichael, Mrs. Henry Paea, Miss Nannie Tilghman, Mrs. Priscella Paea Hoblitzell, wife of Mr. Oliver O'Donnell Hoblitzell, of Colorado Springs; Mrs. James B. Bocock, Mrs. Levin H. Campbell, Mrs. Tilghman Paen, Mr. William Carmichael, Mr. Thomas Robins Hollyday, Judge Carmichael Hollyday, Mr. Henry Brooke Powell Hollyday, Mr. Henry Hollyday, Jr., of St. Aubin's, Talbot County, Maryland; Mr. Hughlett Hollyday, Miss Frances H. Hollyday, Miss Susan Hollyday, Mr. Charles Earle, Miss Clara Hollyday, Miss Elizabeth Hollyday, Mr. Richard Hollyday, Mr. William Murray Hollyday, Mr. Richard C. Hollyday, Jr., Miss Anna Eloise Hollyday, Mrs. Louise Hollyday Hudgins, Mrs. Margaret Saunders, both of Virginia; Miss Georgia Thelin Hollyday, Mr. Frank Chew, Miss Louise Hollyday Campbell, Mr. Levin Hollyday Campbell, Mr. James Branch Bocock and Mr. William Hollyday Bocock, Mr. Henry Robins Hollyday, Mr. Melusina Trippe Hollyday and Edward Trippe Hollyday, Mrs. J. James Bordley, Mrs. Walter

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Sharp, Mr. Walter Sharp, Mr. George Sharp and Miss Louisa Sharp, Capt. Thomas Worthington Hollyday, United States Navy; Mrs. Thomas Fairfax Billopp Nicols, of Darby; Mrs. Julian Spenceer, of Annapolis; Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Tilghman Paca, Miss Henrietta Tripp, Miss Thomas, the late Mrs. Clark, of Boston; Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Lamar Hollyday, Mr. Alfred Hollyday, Miss Susan Gale, Mr. Powell Hollyday, Mr. Richard Hollyday, of California; Mr. Richard Hollyday, of Readbourne; Mr. Henry Hollyday, Mr. Clarence H. Hollyday, of Arkansas; the Pacas, Carinichels, Chamberlains, Bordleys, Hammonds, Goldsboroughs, and others.

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